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Title: REMOTE IMAGE CAPTURE WITH CENTRALIZED PROCESSING AND STORAGE

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ATTN.: Box PATENT APPLICATION
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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the present application, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

42. (Twice amended) A communication network for the transmission of data within and between one or more remote data processing subsystems, at least one intermediate data collecting subsystem and at least one central subsystem forming a tiered architecture wherein each said at least one central data processing subsystem communicate with a corresponding some of said at least one data collecting subsystem and each of said at least one data collecting subsystem communicate with a corresponding some of said

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